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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-12 and amend claim 13 as follows:

13. The method for mounting a sundeck to a boat, the method comprising:

- providing a clamp structure including two clamping members;
- maneuvering the clamp structure so that a first end of a sundeck is positioned between the clamping members;
- closing the clamp structure to engage the sundeck;
- lifting the sundeck with a boom and lift assembly connected to the clamp structure;
- connecting the sundeck to a back region of the boat while the boom and lift assembly hold the clamped sundeck at a desired position relative to the boat; and
- disengaging the clamp structure from the sundeck when the sundeck is connected in the desired position.

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